



## Online Databases

An Online Database is a comprehensive collection of information in electronic form and organized for quick retrieval. Typically it is comprised of a large collection of encyclopedia, magazine, and/or newspaper articles, and occasionally other media such as transcripts, interviews, maps, historical documents, photos and videos. Databases, like encyclopedias can be general or subject specific.

Importantly, information contained in published articles has gone through some degree of editing. That means knowledgeable people from the field have reviewed and edited the information before it is published. We call this process refereeing.

1. Go to [library.sd36.bc.ca](http://library.sd36.bc.ca) and click on North Surrey Secondary.
2. From the *Library Catalog Home* , see  
Access the Surrey School District's Digital Resources [HERE](#)
3. Click on **Secondary**
4. Click on the icon for **Academic Search Primer**



In the search box type your subject. Make sure the **Full Text** and the **Peer Reviewed** boxes (on the left) are checked. It is important that you **use the right terms**. Sometimes a bit of experimenting is required. You will get literally thousands of articles, from a variety of sources such as magazines and newspapers.

5. You may search for **articles from a specific journal** by entering the name of the journal in the *Publication* field. (Set the date range on the right to limit the search).
6. Please note that at home you will need the following password and login:

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